all that appears to be necessary to a general attack is the rallying and marshaling their forces

now it is the general impression that should you be present with us it would allay much of the excitement and take away an excuse that is in the mouths of all that they wish for more assistance with you even your friends begin to think you are not doing right and for the good of this people I earnestly wish you to be with us as soon as possible a petition for a parish meeting has been rejected by the prudential committee and withdrawn we think it not prudent to push matters to extremities but think your presence might prepare the way for a reconciliation

Mr Blodgett who preached with us yesterday after the prayer meeting this evening walked home with me and from learning the state of feeling here thinks it indispensable that you should be here as soon as possible

now I hope you will not consider this an intrusion but will receive it as from one who feels your situation as well as the situation of the people in Hopkinton I write not my own wishes alone but those of many of the brethren of our church

but my time is expiring and I must close

with subscribing myself your affectionate friend

Elijah Fitch

Dear Fitch
Hopkinton July 19
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Hopkinton July 19th 1830

Dear sir

when you left us you mentiond a desire to know what might be the movements I have left it to Esq Chamberlain to give you the general movements of the parish and I expect he has done it so far as he has been furnished with facts

I have now thought it my duty to give you some account of the movements in the sabbath schools the entire school is attended with considerable interest the Eastern school has been attack'd and nearly destroy last Sabath I was importuned to go to the upper factory as that school was going to decay but the necessity of the case seemd to require my presence at the lower part of the town and I accordingly went the enemy had mostly retired and it was found necessary to reorganize the school on a little different plan from what it was at first it is now under the care of Mr Bradbury a pious well informd man who has been a superintendant in Salem one who is judicious prudent & in whome we may confide the mutual classes are now a bible class to meet with the teachers one hour sooner than the school the reason of this change is the influence of unitarianism clashing to altercation but I must not tell all, my time & paper will not permit

you will see by this statement that the out works are attack'd if they can be maintaind by the vigilence and perseverance of the friends of sabbath schools in this place we shall be glad but I have my fears for the main citidel and am in daily expectation of a sport against that but I shall endeavour to be on my guard as much as possible